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compound inserted between the layers of said inorganic compound.

9. (Twice amended) A power cable according to claim 1, wherein the at least one covering layer comprises an external covering layer constituted essentially of a material comprising an inorganic compound having an exfoliated layered structure and an organic compound inserted between the layers of said inorganic compound.

10. (Twice amended) A medium-voltage to high-voltage direct current power cable according to claim 1, wherein the at least one covering layer comprises at least one semiconductor screen, characterized in that the at least one semiconductor screen is constituted essentially of a material comprising an inorganic compound having an exfoliated layered structure and an organic compound inserted between the layers of said inorganic compound.

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